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SOUTHERN NEVADA IMMORTALIZED

THERE is no explanation of the nomenclature of a new ship of the regenerated American merchant marine which has just started on her maiden voyage to Europe from the west coast through the Panama canal. This vessel sails under the name of the West Amargosa in honor of the river which has been the by-play of all the wits of the western country. The name of the vessel is really The Amargosa and the designation of "West" is simply part of the policy of the shipping board to designate ships built in yards located on the Pacific coast. Like many names affixed to Pullman cars, no one will suspect the origin of this peculiar title and fewer still will recognize it as the name of one of the great mystery rivers of southern Nevada which flows underground until its waters are finally lost in the region of Death Valley. It has been a standing joke for punsters to refer to the dangers of fording the singular stream and one well known wit won undying fame by inventing a story to the effect that the chuckwalla, or land turtles indigenous to southern Nye county, always carried a canteen of water to their baggage when they essay the perilous feat of crossing the dry river whose most tempestuous moods never saturate the dust of its listening bosom with a drop of moisture. When war was declared with Germany and every port and harbor in the United States began clamoring for an appropriation to build defensive works a certain Washington correspondent—it may have been Sam Steele or the late lamented Charlie Van Loan—provoked peals of laughter by suggesting that the navigability of the Amargosa was menaced to the extent that threatened to destroy the shipping engaged in trafficking on this obscure stream. The dense ignorance of the average American with reference to the Amargosa was further demonstrated when one of the leading New York papers seized upon the statement to illustrate how deeply the thought of graft was ingrained in the average Nevadan. The writer of that screech gravely debated the merits of the stream and closed with the summarizing fact that so far as the records went, there was no mention of a solitary vessel clearing for or from the historic waters.

In spite of the jeering the unlovely Amargosa is a stream that one day will furnish abundant water for the irrigation of 10,000 acres for whose development the Tonopah & Tidewater railroad is conducting an extensive experimental farm in which the chief tropical fruits are under cultivation. Every drop of this water is to come from the underflow of the Amargosa which courses at depths where the sun's rays do not penetrate and where loss from evaporation is negligible. In the meantime while this project is incubating the name of the river will be carried across the ocean and through the seven seas as that of some mystic aboriginal chief. Let it go at that. It wots little to Nevada so long as nobody ventures into our domain and steals the waters of the river for use in California.

BOXING RESTORED

HERE is something for Governor Boyle to think of after the legislature adjourns and he has time to indulge in a few serious thoughts about his own folly. General Leonard Wood has been appointed head of the army, navy and civilian boxing commission of New York. The general is too well known to need any endorsement from the Bonanza which is satisfied to remark that his appointment places the highest stamp of approval on the royal sport which has survived years and generations of abuse. The New York papers agree that one of the important reactions from the war will be a great revival of outdoor sports, especially of boxing. There never has been a genuine valid objection to boxing—as boxing. It is a clean vigorous exercise that develops a lot of qualities in boys that they are liable to need. The reason why boxing was stopped was that the crooks found in it an opportunity for easy graft.

The professional fighters were usually young and ignorant boys who fell easy victims to the wily slickers who promoted the fights. Under high-minded men like General Leonard Wood the sport will doubtless have a healthy revival and Nevada will be in the field to offer the biggest purses for first class events where the promoters do not want to hog the game and swipe the entire gate receipts.

ONE DAY MORE—AND THEN?

THE Nevada legislature is on its last legs. A few more hours will witness its dissolution through statutory limitation. The closing hours are jammed with the best bills offered during the session and side-stepped for the more lucrative practice of extending appropriations for everybody and everything that occurred to the facile minds of the lawmakers. During 90 days the sessions have been occupied with silly vapors to the exclusion of earnest business until, now, at the moribund moments, it suddenly occurs to a majority that nothing has been accomplished. The appropriation bill covering the expenditures of the next two years has not been reported. The committee in charge of this work was too indolent to give the important subject a moment's thought for the only action was to refer the subject to the state auditor with instructions to report at his earliest convenience a budget designed to meet all requirements including about two million dollars of special expenditures authorized by the house and senate. The auditor probably referred the matter to his chief clerk and the chief clerk, believing he had enough legitimate business of his own to engage his full time, referred it to the office stenographer. Anyway the bill remains somewhere out of sight and the ways and means committees do not appear to be losing any sleep over the delay in furnishing funds for functioning the state during the biennial period. The committeemen passed the buck along by shirking their proper duties and the result will be that the state will have to bear the added burden of an extra session to take care of business that was left undone.

NEGLECTED STOCKS

THROUGH the inaction of somebody who should make it his business to see that typical quotations of Nevada stocks are disseminated by the press bureaus not a single Divide stock is quoted in the list of daily quotations furnished by the leading news gathering associations of the nation. Under date of San Francisco there appears in the chief daily and financial journals what purports to be a glossary of transactions on the San Francisco stock exchange. Penny stocks of the Bullfrog age, the down and out kittens of the boom days of Goldfield, the struggling pioneer companies of the Manhattan district all have a showing with the list of transactions that should cause Nevada mine operators to hang their heads in shame. If outside investors are to accept these reports as representative of the Nevada mining stock market they are fully warranted in withholding support from such an anemic group of securities. Not a word or figure appear to call attention to the phenomenal development of the Tonopah Gold Mountain district. The leader with its proud record of \$5.25 for a mine in development is ignored in spite of the fact that this property has one of the largest and richest orebodies known to the world of mining. The Brougner Divide, Gold Zone, Divide Extension, Dividend and a dozen other stocks of merit whose turnover amount daily to hundreds of thousand shares are not dignified with mention or the remotest reference as mainstays of the market.

The San Francisco stock exchange boasts that it has on its payroll a publicity agent whose duty it is to see that the public is kept informed as to the values of securities traded in on that board. This publicity agent must be as dead as smoked mackerel to collect salary without informing the world that the Tonopah Gold Mountain Divide has the makings of mines that will startle the world into belated recognition when they reach the production stage. These Divide stocks have saved the San Francisco stock exchange from dying of marasmus and the directors should put a 15 millimeter cartridge under their alleged publicity man to see if the explosion would rouse him from his slumbers.

UTAH MURDERER VISITS MOTHER

(By Associated Press) SALT LAKE CITY, March 19.—James M. Shockey, a life-terminer at the Utah state prison, convicted of murder in connection with killing two street car men, recently was allowed his temporary freedom in order to visit his aged mother at Bell, Mo. He made the round trip in ten days and no account of his movements was kept by the prison officials. Warden George Storrs asserts that he allowed Shockey to make the visit feeling that the prisoner would keep his pledge to return. Shockey has taken to literature since his incarceration 15 years ago and several of his stories have appeared in prominent magazines.

STATE CEMENT PLANT SCHEME CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

Last Saturday Senator Griffith through unanimous consent presented a new bill in relation to the investigation of the state cement plant. This bill calls for the appropriation of \$5,000 to be expended in this matter along with an appropriation concerning the erection of the state smelter.

The governor is to name three commissioners who are to undertake this investigation. They are to decide the feasibility of the proposition and if they report favorably then the state is to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for such a plant.

By the terms of the bill, says the Carson News, it will be noted that this is not to be a snap shot proposition. In fact the month of investigation carried on by Senator Griffith only showed him that there was some chance for such a scheme, and he will recommend in a report of his investigation that the state carry out this investigation to the fullest.

He expects to file a report Monday. The report is held up pending the annexation of additional figures on estimates from the railroad and highway commissions as to costs and amounts of cement used. The Clark county senator certainly went as far as any one man could in the short time and his bill suggesting thorough work is certainly along lines of good hard business sense.

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TOM KEARNS ESTATE WORTH \$2,046,000

(By Associated Press) SALT LAKE CITY, March 19.—The estate left by the late Thomas Kearns, former United States senator, who died suddenly here last fall, is valued at approximately \$2,046,000, according to an appraisal just filed in the district court here. A little more than one-half of the estate is in bonds of the Salt Lake Route railroad, the remainder comprising various mining investments.

A feature of the Kearns estate is the fact that most of it is in Utah, where the late senator made his fortune.

GOING TO SPEND SIX MILLION FOR ROADS

(By Associated Press) CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 19.—More than \$6,000,000 will be spent by five men in Wyoming within the next three years. The five men, M. R. Johnston of Wheatland, W. R. Weeks of Lander, LeRoy Laird of Worland, L. R. A. Conduet of Buffalo, and Joseph Kinney of Cokeville, were appointed by Governor Carey recently as the bi-partisan board authorized by the recent legislature to administer the state and federal highway funds. Johnson is chairman.

The legislature appropriated \$600,000 for the highway department, and provided for \$2800 bonds to meet the federal government's appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the next three years. Z. E. Sarison, whose office as state highway commissioner was abolished by the legislature, has been appointed state highway superintendent.

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HIRED GENEALOGIST TO SETTLE ESTATE

(By Associated Press) NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 19.—William M. Emery of this city, a genealogist employed by the trustees of the million-dollar estate of Sylvia Ann Howland, aunt of Mrs. Betty

PERSHING COUNTY TO BE REPUBLICAN

The action of the legislature in dividing Humboldt county, creating the new county of Pershing, will have the effect of putting on the map a strictly Republican county. Herebefore Humboldt county has been always in the Democratic column, with the Democrats in full control of the county offices. It is said that the Lovelock section, which constitutes the major portion of the new county, is overwhelmingly Republican, and the eastern part of Humboldt county is almost solidly Democratic. In effect, it means that the Republican vote of Humboldt county will now be counted from Pershing county while the old Democratic county of Humboldt will be cut down half. And it was called that there was no politics in the division fight of Humboldt county.—Free Press.

ONE WYOMING TOWN IS BADLY BUFFALOED

(By Associated Press) THERMOPOLIS, Wyo., March 19.—Thermopolis probably is the only municipality in the country suffering from too many buffaloes. The state has a herd of them here and has offered them for sale because the herd has grown more rapidly than the state can care for them. Only recently William Clayton of Thermopolis purchased from W. D. Turner of Fort Garland, Colo., the famous General Palmer herd for \$40,000. These also are for sale. Clayton hopes to dispose of his herd singly or in groups to zoological gardens and Col. George M. Slinney, superintendent of the state reserve, hasn't any plan to get rid of his charge but hopes someone will take them off his hands.

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